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Dear Lil & Hal

HAPPY NEW YEAR ! — 1991

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That is the most important message I have to transmit to you. GOOD WISHES!

What more I've to say to you is my commentary on the folder and stupidities of mortals like you and me — and give excuses for our failures. Whether we are kings or pawns we have alibis and excuses for not doing what we promised to do. What is worse, we lie about it.

Bush is a liar — "NO TAXES"

Gorbachev is a liar — "DEMACRACY" (PERESTROIKA)

SADDAM HUSSEIN is a liar — "KUWAIT BELONGS TO IRAQ"

You and I ARE LIARS — By BELIEVING OUR FAVORITE LIARS

HISTORY IS A LIE, BECAUSE IT IS WRITTEN BY LIARS

I am starting this letter by admitting I am a liar and accusing you of being a liar (By "you", I mean you Harold.)

I lied when I promised you to help pay for the memoirs you promised to write.

I did not lend you you not even $1.00!
Maybe if I had advanced you some money
you would have finished that book. Yes?
You are a liar because you are not
serious about writing your memoirs. You
are more serious about corresponding with every
Tom, Dick & Harry, than corresponding with yourself.
Really, who in the hell cares what you have to say
to all those free loader sycophants? What a waste of
time and energy! But POSTERITY would care to
have a record of your experiences of being a
god fly in the American democracy. Don't you?
I am not going to lie to you anymore. I don't
believe you'll ever write your memoirs.
Just as I don't believe there will ever be
democracy in Russia. (Never was and never will be.)
I don't believe Bush will go to war.
" " " Saddam will keep Kuwait.
And if I am wrong, then, perhaps, I'll live to see
your memoirs. Do you have the will to prove me wrong?
I am enclosing some classic alibis of classic
procrastinators (liars). One of them (if not all) applies
to you. If not, can you write one that's better?

Shalom!

Joe